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Sarah Stephany - Orchard Hill Church

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Instructions: Please work with your internship supervisor to fill out this form. Once completed, return to Julianne Gassman [redacted]

Name: Sarah Stephany **Agency:** Orchard Hill Church

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Future Plans for student:

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What did you accomplish during your internship?

During my internship, I was the project manager for the Child Sponsorship Wall at Orchard Hill Church's Cedar Falls Campus. This wall display was designed and built by myself and the help of various Orchard Hill staff. The purpose of the wall was to promote child sponsorship at Orchard's two international nonprofit partners: United Christians International in Caiman, Haiti, and at Food for the Hungry in Mozambique, Africa. There were a total of 25 new sponsorships because of the Child Sponsorship Wall, and there were countless visitors and conversations at the wall about Child Sponsorship that helped plant the seed of helping others in a way that is God-centered, and teaches that we aren't the ones doing the "saving," but we are merely joining in with the work God is already doing in Mozambique and Haiti.

How did the internship benefit the student?

Sarah gained skills in the areas of promotion, group communications, and project management. She learned in depth about how the two international nonprofits that Orchard partners with

were chosen and why. She spent time learning how they run their programs to be able to clearly explain how child sponsorship benefits not only the child, but an entire community. She also gained experience in sharing the vision of Child Sponsorship and experimented in ways to help inspire volunteers and current sponsors.

How did the internship benefit the agency?

Orchard Hill could not have created and managed the child sponsorship wall without Sarah. This is an extra project for us that we like to do, but often times cannot due to our other responsibilities. Having Sarah here allowed us to create the wall and to promote child sponsorship in a very bold, exciting way. This project builds upon our mission of “helping next generations encounter and follow Jesus to bless a broken world.”

How does the internship benefit the community?

Sarah’s time at Orchard helped to increase the understanding and awareness of the value of child sponsorship. Her work on the wall helped our members feel more connected to the work that is being done outside of our walls, and propelled them into opportunities to join in this work. The 25 new sponsorships helped communities, families, children, and the employees of the nonprofits we partner with in Mozambique and Haiti.

(Student to complete) One quote that describes the experience gained from completing this internship (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

My internship at Orchard Hill expanded my nonprofit knowledge into a Christian context and allowed me to further develop my professional skills as well as my relationship with Jesus in an incredibly welcoming staff of people. I am so thankful for the experiences and time I had at Orchard Hill.

(Intern supervisor to complete) One quote that describes the impact the intern had on the community (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

Please provide a reproducible photo of the intern in action at their internship for media purposes.